

JU, J&K Bank host awareness session on 'Financial and Energy Initiatives for Sustainability'

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JAMMU: J&K Bank hosted an awareness session at Dhanvantri Library, University of Jammu (JU), focusing on key financial and energy initiatives that promise to drive both economic progress and environmental sustainability.

The session covered vital topics such as the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, J&K Bank's credit card schemes, term insurance plans, housing loans, personal loans, car loans, and term deposits,



with a team of experts providing in-depth insights into each. The interactive discussion effectively showcased the features and benefits of solar energy through the Muft Bijli Yojana, which provides subsidies for solar panel installations and financial support.

Experts also delved into J&K Bank's range of financial products, including credit cards, loans, and insurance, highlighting how these offerings enhance customer convenience, financial security, and overall well-being.

This session proved to be particularly beneficial for the employees, equipping them with valuable insights on sustainable energy solutions and financial tools for better security and growth.

All the library professionals from Dhanvantri Library and other departmental libraries along with the office staff of Dhanvantri Library, gained valuable insights, empowering them to confidently navigate these initiatives and application processes.

This made the session a resounding success in raising community awareness and fostering engagement.



India's Space economy to increase fivefold in next few years: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh, announced on Tuesday that India's Space economy is expected to increase more than fivefold from \$8 billion to \$44 billion in next few years, making an important value addition to the country's overall economy towards 5 trillion goal.



Speaking at the Business Conclave organized by Times Network at Hotel Taj, he emphasized the sector's vital role in achieving India's \$5 trillion economy target.

Highlighting the remarkable progress in India's space sector, Dr. Singh credited the government's commitment, citing the tripling of India's space budget from Rs 5,615 crore in 2013-14 to Rs 13,416 crore in 2025-26.

He described 2014 as a turning point, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi unlocked the space sector, enabling private sector participation and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). Initiatives like NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) and In-SPACe are fostering government-private sector synergy, leading to the emergence of successful first-generation space startups.

Dr. Singh lauded ISRO's achievements, including India's historic landing at the South Pole of the Moon, and highlighted the cost-effective success of Chandrayaan, executed at just Rs 600 crore, significantly lower than similar missions by other countries.

He emphasized India's growing self-reliance in space technology, citing the launch of 433 foreign satellites, earning €292 million and \$172 million for the country.

Discussing space technology's transformative impact, he pointed to the Swamitva Scheme, which leverages satellite and drone mapping for land records management, reducing dependency on revenue officials.

He also highlighted ISRO's role in improving communication and connectivity, reinforcing India's technological self-sufficiency.

Dr. Singh stressed the inclusive nature of India's space ecosystem, with women scientists playing key roles in major projects like Chandrayaan and Aditya L1.

He also noted India's rising global prominence, referencing the U.S. invitation for an Indian astronaut to the International Space Station and upcoming international collaborations.

Additionally, he spoke about India's untapped Himalayan, coastal, and marine resources, which will drive future economic growth and innovation.

He also praised the start-up ecosystem in Jammu & Kashmir, citing the Aroma Mission: Purple Revolution, which was featured in Mann Ki Baat and showcased at the Republic Day Parade, creating employment opportunities for youth.

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District administration Jammu issues weather advisory

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JAMMU: The District Administration Jammu has issued a weather advisory in view of the Western Disturbance forecast issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs (Integrated Control Room for Emergency response) predicting heavy rainfall/snowfall in District Jammu from 25th February 2025 to 28th February 2025.

The district administration has advised the public to avoid unnecessary travel during adverse weather conditions to ensure safety and minimize disruptions.

Further, Revenue PWD (R&B) Roads & Building, PWD (Mechanical Engineering), PMGSY, Urban Local Bodies, Jal Shakti, Health & Medical Education Departments have been directed to make necessary logistical arrangements for snow clearance and related works.

Besides, the people can contact 24x7 District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC) at DC Office Jammu with Contact Numbers +0191-2520542, +0191 2571616, for any emergency or assistance needs.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Jakh, Jogpur, Sarore, Patli Industry, Smailpur, Ralya, Gurah, Utterbehni, Mandal, Central University and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 27 and 28 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Sehora and its adjoining areas will remain affected on February 27 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Meen and its adjoining areas will remain affected on February 27 from 7 am to 1 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Badhori and its adjoining areas will remain affected on February 28 from 7 am to 1 pm.

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